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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG

1. AUGUST 15 MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE EXTENSIVE PLAY TO KIM TAE-CHUNG STORY, CONCENTRATING ON PLEDGE OF PROSECUTOR GENERAL TO APPREHEND KIDNAPPERS AND ON KOREAN AND JAPANESE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS. NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN INVESTIGATION.

2. HEAVY PRESS PLAY GIVEN TO REPORTS FROM TOKYO, INCLUDING CONTINUED GOJ INTEREST IN RETURN OF KIM TAE-CHUNG AND YANG IL-DONG TO JAPAN. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT ROK MOFA EXPRESSED CONCERN TO THE EMBASSY OVER POSSIBLE EXTENSIVE JAPANESE PRESS SPECULATION ON ROKG INVOLVEMENT IN KIDNAPPING.

3. UNDERSTAND KIM, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH NEWSMEN HAS MENTIONED DESIRE TO RETURN TO JAPAN AND EVENTUALLY THE U.S. AUGUST 14 CHOSON ILBO CARRIED STORY THAT KIM TAE-CHUNG TOLD JAPANESE REPORTERS HE HAS A SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY BEGINNING THIS SEPTEMBER.

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4. AUGUST 15 HANGUK ILBO CARRIED VERY SMALL FRONT PAGE

ARTICLE REPORTING AUGUST 14 STATEMENT BY DEPT SPOKESMAN BRAY  
EXPRESSING SATISFACTION OVER KIM'S SAFE RETURN. IN ANOTHER  
SMALL ARTICLE, CHOSON ILBO PRINTED ADDITIONAL QUOTE BY BRAY  
TO EFFECT THAT THE U.S. DEPLORES SUCH ACTS AS KIDNAPPING  
AND HOPES KIM'S FREEDOM TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WILL NOT BE  
RESTRICTED IF HE WISHES TO DO SO.

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